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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: Statement to the Press on "UNDERCOVER"

1. The following statement for response to expected questions from the press in connection with publication of Howard Hunt's book "UNDERCOVER" was approved by Mr. Colby at the morning meeting on 22 October.

In accordance with his Secrecy Agreement, Howard Hunt submitted his book to the Agency for examination prior to publication and deleted a few items of classified information as requested by the Agency. Our review of the book is not an acknowledgment of its authenticity or an endorsement of it.

2. Hunt's attorney advised on 21 October that the "on sale" date for the book is 11 November. He has received one copy and advises that the deletions and changes confirmed in his letter have been made in the published version.

3. I reminded Mr. Snyder that in response to a question from Hunt at our meeting 28 September I had told Hunt that we probably would make a statement to the press about our review of his book and that I had suggested to him that this was in his best interests as well as our own. Snyder agreed with my recollection and added that he had told Hunt that the Agency would have many reasons to make a statement about the pre-publication examination of the book.

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The public's interest in the My Lai affair has recently been rekindled due to recent statements made by Captain Dennis H. Johnson, Ft. Lewis, Washington. In relationship to these comments it should be noted that the CIA was not involved in the My Lai massacre. This was clearly stated by Agency personnel who previously testified to Lt. General Peers and his investigating team. It should also be noted that the official My Lai investigation report which was prepared by Lt. General Peers contained no evidence linking CIA to the My Lai massacre.